

Esau Sells His Birthright

1. Carefully read through Genesis 23-24. Highlight with different colors all of the words spoken by different people. Mark in yellow everywhere the name of God is used. Mark in green everywhere a place is named. Mark in blue everywhere a person is named. Circle, underline, or color any repeated phrases. What patterns do you notice?
2. Memorize Genesis 24:21, "The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether the LORD had prospered his journey or not."
3. Create your own detailed outline of Genesis 23-24.
4. What does Abraham do for the sons of Keturah? How is this different than what he does for Isaac? Why does he send them away?
5. How long does Abraham live? Where is he buried? Who buries him?

6. What happens to Ishmael's descendants? Why do you think the section of Genesis about Abraham's life (11:27-25:18) ends the way it does?

7. Why does God allow Rebekah to become pregnant? What does God reveal to Rebekah while she is pregnant? What happens when she gives birth?

8. What is significant about Esau's birthright in the context of the book of Genesis? How does his birthright relate to God's promises to Abraham? Should he have given up his birthright?

9. Why is Isaac afraid he might be killed in Gerar? Does he need to be afraid? How do you know?

10. How are Isaac's interactions with Abimelech similar to Abraham's interactions with Abimelech a generation earlier? Why do you think God chose to reveal this to us?

11. Who does Esau marry? How does it go?